

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM # 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015
8:00AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Chairman

Donald Williams, Secretary

Russell Chin, DDS

Caroline Danish, DDS

Martin Elson, DDS

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Eric George, DMD

Martin Nager, DMD

Susan Perlino, RDH, BS

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Maryellen Simas, RDH

BOARD MEMBERS IN NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Amy Coleman, JD

Michael Fine, MD

James McDonald, MD

Robert O'Donnell, MS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Bartro, DDS, - RIDA

Marie Jones – Bridges - RIDHA

Christy Durant - RIDA, RIOMS

Diane Monti-Markowski, DDS – BCBS of RI

1. Establishment of a Quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:00AM on a motion by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS. The Board voted unanimously to open. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, had asked any members of the public if they wanted to comment on topics specific to today's agenda. No public comment was made.

3. Presentation of the December 3, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry, Dentistry Examining Committee and Dental Hygienist Examining Committee for December 3, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Chairperson's Report

- **Announcements**

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, had requested to allow Michael Fine, MD, to speak out of order in regards to Prescription Overdose Deaths because of the Directors scheduling. Motion was made by Committee Member Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Donald Williams. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Dr. Fine spoke in regards to prescriptions overdose deaths in Rhode Island. Discussion was conducted on last years 225 overdose deaths in the State; 80% of drug use starts with prescription drugs; What other states are doing in regards to this topic; ethics of family treatment by license dentist; and what changes are needed in hiring of a Chief of Dentistry.

- **Communications**

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, read a letter sent to him by Board member Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, who is out of state attending a NERB conference regarding the practice of Dentist prescribing to and

treatment of family members.

Discussion was conducted on issues associated with the prescribing of Controlled Substances. Martin Nager, DMD, volunteered to write a letter which after being reviewed would be sent to the RI Dental Association as well as the other two associations to remind members of what they should do in regards to prescribing scheduled drugs.

5. Old Business

- Rules & Regulations - Amy Coleman, JD, gave an update of the status of the Regulations.**
- Louisiana State Board of Dentistry Letter – Discussion was made on the issue of verifying the number of times that an applicant has failed clinical examinations. Motion was made Don Williams and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to have a letter sent to the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc (ADEX) in regards to this issue.**
- Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Office Evaluation Forms – Discussion was conducted on the possibility of Dental Assistance CE requirements, the four levels of sedation, facility permits, Insurance, use of Nitrous Oxide, Oral and IV techniques, and ADA regulations.**

6. New Business

- **Review and Approval of Applicants for:**

Chairman Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, announced to all Board Members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dentist, Dental Anesthesia Permits, and Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits and had met on this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dentist Licensure:

- **Juyoung An**
- **Monica Anand**
- **Andrew Koukoulas**
- **Kirsten Lui**

Dental Anesthesia Permits:

- **No Applicants**

Dental Anesthesia Facility Permits:

- **A committee has been formed to do inspections and have begun to work on the requirements to what is needed at each level of Minimum Sedation, Moderate Sedation and Deep/General Sedation in facilities. The Rhode Island Department of Health does not have an Inspector at this time to do an inspection which is required for a licensure/ permit**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, to approve the list of applicants for Dentist Licensure. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

Russell Chin, DDS, announced to all Board members present that the Examining Committee for applicants applying for licensure as a Dental Hygienists Licensure and Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits had met on this date at 7:45AM and reviewed the applicants and recommend they be approved for licensure in:

Dental Hygienists Licensure:

- **Kimberly Pacheco**

Dental Hygienists Local Anesthesia Permits

- **No Applicants**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to approve the list of applicants for Dental Hygienists Licensure. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

7. Adjourn to Closed Session

**Motion was made by Don Williams and seconded by Eric George, DMD,
to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:40AM. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

8. Return to Open Session

**Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D,
at 10:50AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.**

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The board reviewed six (6) cases: Two (2) cases were found to have No Unprofessional Conduct; One (1) case was found No Unprofessional Conduct with a Letter of Concern; One (1) case reinstate license to Full Active status; One (1) Case Probation for one (1) year with six (6) unannounced visits by periodontist paid by licensee; and one (1) case recommendation to the Director of Health for a Summary Suspension of Dental license, CRS license and Anesthesia license and referred to the physician Committee.

10. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room # 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Eric George, DMD, to adjourn at 11:10AM. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.

Board Manager

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